Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - FEB. 20, 1897.

With the Magistrates.

State cases have been numerous the past week among the Chestertown magistrates. Justice W. H. Lambert has been busy and of course his court room in the NEWS building has been crowded. Officer Ambrose Frazier arrested Wm. Price and Geo. Gould, colored, on Sunday night charging them with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace. They were outside the uptown colored church during the service and nearly came to blows. Justice Lambert fined them $6.25 each, which they paid.

One day last week a colored man named Chas. Daurn, went to Prof. John F. Copper's place, near town, and asked for the loan of a dearborn just to go to the mill. Mr. Copper assented and the colored man left with the dearborn, but failed to "come back directly." Mr. Copper waited for several days and then came to town and put Chief Amos B. Kelley on the case. Mr. Kelley came up with the fellow on Monday and took him in charge. He was carried before Justice Lambert who made him carry the dearborn back to Mr. Copper and compelled him to pay $5.48.

Andrew Smith, colored, was arrested by officer Kelley on Sunday for disorderly conduct and Judge Lambert put it on him "to the tune" of $3.60.

The most interesting case was a "dog case" before Justice Lambert. It was all over a hound-fox dog valued at $5. Before they got through it cost them $7.79. Wesley Cannon, of Quaker Neck, was charged by Walter Greenwood, of Still Pond, with taking and having in his possession his dog, "Dancer." Constable R. A. Smyth arrested Cannon and carried him before Justice Lambert, who restored the dog to the owner and fined Wesley Cannon $7.79. It was a "dog-gone" case someone said.

"Shorty" Mitchel was arrested by Officer Kelley charged with being in a private yard of Chestertown at night without any business. Justice Lambert said "not guilty" but gave "Shorty" a sound lecture and told him "to go in peace and sin no more."

Justice B. N. S. Wilkins had a "horse trading" case before him this week. The parties were J. E. Armstrong, the Maple avenue liveryman, and Charles Stewart, colored, of Queen Anne's. It seems that Ned and Stewart made a trade and afterwards Stewart becoming dissatisfied wanted to trade back, but Ned objected and the case went before Squire Wilkins, who succeeded in compromising it. The horse was given back to Stewart in consideration that he pay the "court expenses and give J. E. Armstrong 150 bundles of fodder."

CHESTERVILLE ITEMS.

This community was deeply shocked to hear of the death of Miss Ella Murray, of Chester, Pa. She died on the 7th of January, at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. John J. Donahoe, in Wilmington, Del. Miss Murray had been a great sufferer for nearly a year, and on the first of December she went to her sister's, thinking the trip would do her good; but she was taken worse on the boat and went to bed as soon as she got there, where she gradually grew worse until the end came. Miss Murray lived in the first district four years, and was a member of St. Dennis' R. C. Church, Galena. She took an active part in the choir and all the church services, and her sweet, mellow voice will be remembered for years to come. The funeral services were held at St. Francis' Xavier Church, Bohemia Manor, near Warwick, Md., by Rev. Father Haugh, and interment in the adjoining cemetery. She leaves father, mother, two sisters and two brothers and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

Mr. Thomas Hurlock lost a very fine cow and two calves last week. Supposed to be over-fed.

Mr. John Howell has announced himself as a horse-doctor, making fistula and pole-evil a specialty. A veterinary surgeon is badly needed in this neighborhood, and it is to be hoped he will be patronized.

Mr. Lusby, our poultry fancier, has sold a great many of his fine birds this month to persons all over the country. We have seen several coops of his poultry at Black's for parties at a distance, and they were fine looking birds.

A party was given at Mr. E. B. Pennington's, near here, Wednesday week. Dancing and various games were enjoyed by the young folks, all enjoying themselves.

Mr. Thomas Jones attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Rasin, in Middletown, Del., on Wednesday.

Mrs. Butler died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Dobson, on the 25th ultimo, aged 83. She was also the mother of Mrs. Chas. Craner.

Mr. W. Fletcher Melvin killed a wild goose last week, the first killed in this vicinity for a long time.

The approaching inauguration of the President-elect and the fistic encounter of two noted pugilists are much talked of. Slaves of Roman Emperors who were "butchered to make a Roman holiday" deserved the pity of their audiences, but prize-fighting deserves the execration of every civilized nation, and officials who give color of law to such should step down and out, for they are morally unfit for responsible positions.

The Rev. John C. Sedwick administered the sacrament last Sunday week, and preached a sermon suitable to the observance of that solemn rite. C.

SOCIETY RIPPLES.

"There's a Time to Dance and a Time to be Joyful."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trew, of Lankford were give a masquerade surprise this week.

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Stam's Hall will be the scene of an anticipated delightful evening on Tuesday, the occasion being a dance by prominent young men of Chestertown.

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The dance at Galena last week was a big success. The hall was handsomely decorated with wreaths, bunting and evergreen. The fine Middletown orchestra furnished enchanting music for the occasion. Sandwiches and coffee were served at 12 P. M., and in the wee hours of the morning the happy company dispersed, long to remember the delightful Galena dance. The committee of rrangements were Andrew Wilson, A. W. Cochran, Unit Horsey, J. P. Cochran and R. H. Cochran.

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At the home of Mr. Emerson, in Broad Neck, notwithstanding the falling snow, came about fifty masked persons, representing many characters. After having much fun in determining whom they might be, they removed masks and enjoyed many games during the evening. At a late hour the dining room was a scene of luxury and all partook heartily. They retired to their homes about midnight, having spent a pleasant evening. Those present were Messrs. Jaquette and wife, Dooly Gale and wife, Freeman Gale and wife, Walter Fletcher and wife, Mr. Conlyn and daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Gale, Mrs. John Kilbourn, Misses Hope Fletcher, Flora Taylor, Sadie Hadaway, Edna Walker, Maud Thompson; Messrs. Lemont Thompson, Jno. Stoops, Howard Stoops, Price Stoops, Joseph Stoops, Milton Crew, Claude Brown, Edward and George Bramble, Howard and Tilden Hadaway, Chas. Vickers, Willie Toulson and others.

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On the evening of the 10th of February, 1897, the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davis, near Chestertown. was the Mecca of quite a number of relatives and friends, invited to help them celebrate the fifth anniversary of their marriage. About fifty were present, and many more would have come but for the bad condition of the roads. After struggling thro' the mud, the bright lights of the many illuminated windows seemed like beacon lights which spoke of warmth, sociability and good cheer within. As we drew near the house we noticed the yard lit up by the mellow glow of many beautiful Japanese lanterns, making the brilliant illumination more pleasing to the eye. We were met by the affable couple, who by cordial greeting and generous hospitality make ideal host and hostess, and seemed to be happy in their many kind attentions to their guests. As we were ushered into the parlor we noticed the beautiful trimmings of evergreen and holly, showing skill and ingenuity. Suspended from the centre of the room was a crescent of evergreen and a silver star, while suspended over the mantel, entwined with evergreen, were the large gilt figures and letters: "1892—Anniversary—1897." While our genial host and hostess had beautified and made their home attractive to the eye, they had been thoughtful of the other comforts of their guests, and had provided a bounteous turkey and oyster supper, chicken and potato salads, with many other delicacies, to which I can assure you we did ample justice. The sitting and dining rooms were most beautifully trimmed in evergreen, with many small flags entwined, making a most pleasing effect. Over the mantel in the dining room, in large letters made of evergreen, was the word "Welcome." They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents from those who partook of their hospitality. Among the many presents was an oak buffet, from Mr. and Mrs. Burlin, of Port Deposit; a beautiful rustic stand, from Mr. Tracy Burlin, of Port Deposit; a large oak rocker, from Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Fisher, of Port Deposit. Among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burlin, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jester, Mr. and Mrs. Purnell Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Roeder, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Mair, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Fogwell, Mrs. John Fowler, Misses Jennie, Blanche and Maud Davis, Ida Tarbutton, Lottie Roeder, Messrs. Tracy Burlin, Samuel and Percy Jefferson, Harry Fowler, Sutton Tarbutton, Dr. J. H. Hessey, Joshua Davis, John Parsons and many others. The company was most beautifully entertained with music on the piano by Mrs. Thos. Davis. Mr. Josh Davis and sisters sang several beautiful songs. About 11 o'clock we bade our friends good night, wishing them many happy returns of the anniversary.

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Another of the social events which are quite popular this season was a pleasant surprise given Miss Linda Redding, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bramble, near Black's, on Tuesday evening of last week. Although the evening looked unfavorable and the roads were terribly muddy, it did not interfere with those on pleasure bent. They were received by Miss Fannie Bramble, assisted by Miss Redmile, and after all were made acquainted the usual routine of games commenced, and from the many outbursts of laughter you may know all present just had a grand time. About 10 o'clock all were invited out to the large dining room, where cake, lemonade, fruit and confectionery were served in abundance. Among those present we mention: Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Bramble, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearce and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Redding and son, Mrs. J. Sylvanus, of Wilmington; Miss Sparks, of Queen Anne's; Mr. G. Pennington and sister, of Cecil; Mr. T. Stradley and sister, of Sassafras; Misses Linda Redding, Fannie Bramble, Lizzie Scotten, Belle Redmile, Ruth Bramble, Mabel Price, Ida Redmile, Lillie Price, Mary Bramble, Dora Todd, Lillie Boyd, Hannah Scotten, Carrie Erskine; Messrs. Irving Dempsey, John Walls, R. Bramble, Irving Vansant, T. Bramble, Jr., Carl Price, Harry Kelley, Walter Crow, Clarence Scotten, Eddie Bramble, Geo. Vandyke, Harvey Beasten, Harry Scotten, I. Redmile, S. Erskine.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

Live Matter from Our "Down the County" Reliable Reporter.

There is much comment here regarding the decision of Judge Lloyd in the "oyster lot" cases of Dorchester. Of course, much of it is unfavorable, for when there is any talk or action looking to the planting and cultivation of oysters, many become alarmed and declare that the "big guns" are seeking to rob a free people of their heritage, by transferring the oyster bars from the common right of all to the "Brooks" and "Cowan" crowd, and thus bring the poor oystermen into the position of slave wageworkers. On the other hand, there are quite a number of our oystermen who view the Dorchester cases with favor. They realize that the oyster bars are fast becoming depleted, and that something looking to the encouragement of private planting and cultivation of the luscious bivalve must ensue, or the industry must become a thing of the past.

Between stormy weather, low prices and very small catches, our oystermen are having it tough. The fishermen are not doing so well either the past week. The balmy weather of Sunday, it is thought, caused the fish to pass by on their way to the upper bay. Several of the men have quit the business and returned to oystering. The spring fishermen are very active in their preparations for the coming season, and hopes are entertained that it will prove remunerative.

We also notice general activity among our farmers, trimming orchards, preparing hot-beds, fencing, &c. Mr. Robert Wickes is playing havoc with the once beautiful peach grove of "Napley." From the way he is having the trees pulled up, he seems to think there is money in it. Alas! the peach and oyster industry are in the same category—once prolific and paying, but no longer so.

Pneumonia, la grippe, mumps and general colds, with a few cases of consumption, is making increasing work for our physicians and druggists.

Mr. William Shreck, formerly of this place, but now filling a position on a steamship plying between Philadelphia and Northern ports, reports that on the last trip the ship was caught between two huge ice-bergs and so laid for thirty days, afterwards experiencing terribly stormy weather, during which they ran down a schooner, butting her in two, and sinking her with all on board.

The people of this section very much deplore the frequency of fires on East Neck Island. The blaze of Saturday morning's fire was plainly seen by our early risers. Persons at the scene of the fire threw large pieces of ice into the oil tanks in hopes of extinguishing the fire in them, but instead it only made the flames more fierce, sending huge columns high into space, and making a beautiful sight in the distance.

A lady's long, black feather boa or collar was lost on Friday night last, between Lankford and Price's mill. If the finder will leave the same with the sexton of St. Paul's Church a liberal reward will be given.

Capt. Kelly, of the local police boat, seems determined to break up patent tonging by Kent oystermen in the waters of Queen Anne's. He arrested Capt. Bogle some days ago for oystering on a lump in Chester river with patent tongs. Capt. Bogle claims that he was not beyond the channel. therefore has taken an appeal. Oystermen here are anxiously awaiting the outcome, as there are numerous lumps of the kind from the mouth up as far as oysters grow situated near the channel.

"Doc" Smith's practice as a homeopathic, allopathic and veterinary practitioner seems largely on the increase. In view of the unprofitableness of oyster tonging, we think it would be well for "Doc" to hang out his shingle and tie up his canoe and apply himself himself entirely to the profession.

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A singular store. That is why you like it. Wanamaker's and a world-ful of stores—two classes of stores. Just two. Always new, always attractive—more than a store. As much more as we have the room to make it. But first and foremost a store—an outlet for goods so important to producers that it is really downhill from everywhere.

Dependable goods gravitate here; a college of watchers scour the world that Philadelphia shoppers may have the best. Sellers of trash avoid us—and save their time. Interesting at all times. Interesting these gray winter days because new goods are getting first showing, while lots of goods for present needs are being turned to cash—to your advantage and ours.

New Dress Goods THERE are new things under the sun—at least new and better applications of things you have known. The fabrics for the new season prove that.

For eight years our dress goods chief has had mill-men experimenting on a gauzy dress stuff that should be durable. Most of the spidery weaves are loosely held—the strands slip and the fabric soon looks old. At last success crowned his efforts and you have—

PINEAPPLE GRENADINE.

Daintiness personified—grenadine beauty in cotton, and the new stuff is ready at the opening of a season when grenadine weaves prove likely to lead the van in popularity. Twenty-five studies in stripes, eight plain colorings. 50c a yard.

And then CRISPENE is as new and fresh as a May morning. Fearless of dust and dampness. Independently pretty—needing no lining or stiffening. We have made up sample gowns of it. Smart looking. Durable—as warm weather goods are counted durable, Launders safely and easily. Eighty-five styles. 35c, 40c and 45c a yard.

DRESS LINENS—

Last summer wove them into popularity. This season bids fair to see them doubly appreciated—

for the designs and fabrics are prettier than ever. Linen for its effectiveness. Some are heightened in beauty with threads of silk; some hold cotton in combination—whatever helped to carry out the designers' ideals.

Fancy Plaid Grass Cloth, 30c.
Silk-striped Grass Cloth, 35c.
Silk Swivel-striped Grass Cloth, 37½c.
Silk-striped Linen, 37½c and 45c.
Silk-striped Etamine, 75c.
Silk-striped Linen Chiffon, 60c.
Striped and Plaid Chiffons, 48 in., $2.

WOOL DRESS STUFFS—

The show as new as the morning. Just first comers—the select few from mills at home and abroad.

Etamines, coverts, cheviots—or variations of these weaves. Black and colors. The stuffs for tailor-made gowns are ready.

New Black Goods THE open-work or etamine weave is to be distinctively prominent in the new season's fabrics. That is easily seen, whether we stroll among the colored stuffs or blacks. Let a word of Saturday's black goods arrivals hint of the dress goods newness of the day.

ETAMINES AT $3.50—
Three styles of etamine weave, with silk-crepon stripe. New idea.

ETAMINE AT $2.50—
Silk-and-wool; open mesh; fancy effect—very rich for making over color.

CREPON AT $2.25—
Silk-and-wool feather-weights. Graceful, wavy designs of gauze-like beauty.

PLAIN ETAMINES, 75c to $1.50—
All-wool Etamines from the Priestleys. and Priestley goods are foremost for weave, dye and finish. Little or big mesh; the threads are put together for service. No slipping.

STRIPED ETAMINES, 75c, $1, $1.25—
Raised mohair-stripe Etamines from across the water. Just out of the Custom House. Too many designs to allow of even an attempt at descriptions.

FANCY GRENADINES, $1 to $2.50—
A big family of all-silk Granadines—stripes and figures. New designs. Gauze grounds, embroidered and tiny beaded stripes woven on threads of finest silk; small effects and some large bold patterns are in the collections.

PLAIN GRENADINES, 50c to $1.25—
Old standbys, more than ever in favor for this spring. We have donated a large part of the Black Goods Section to the showing and selling of Black Grenadines.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

A HORRIBLE DEATH.

The Sad End of a Young Lady By Hydrophobia From the Bite of a Pet Dog.

We noted in our last issue the death of Mr. Virgil Ward's sister in Salisbury, but did not state the cause of her demise. The following facts as we learned them will explain her sudden death and the sufferings she endured.

Miss Stella Ward, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Sallie Ward, died near Wango, in Wicomico county, Friday morning, of hydrophobia. The young lady was bitten last September by her pet dog, which at the time was not supposed to have been mad. The bite was so small that little attention was paid to it, and had passed from the minds of the family. The dog remained about the house until a few days ago, when it disappeared. Wednesday night a sudden and peculiar affection seized the young lady, and in alarm Dr. Geo. W. Truitt, the family physician, was called. He found the patient suffering from nervous attacks, which he was unable to control. Being fully aroused as to the critical condition of the patient and unable to satisfactorily diagnose the the case, he asked the family for a consultation. Accordingly Dr. Slemons, of Salisbury, was called. He reached the patient's side about 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. In a few minutes the physicians had a private conference, in which they agreed that the case was hydrophobia. They thought best, however, not to add to the alarm of the family by announcing the nature of the fatal malady at once. The young lady suffered intensely up to a few hours of her death.

The funeral of this estimable young lady took place Sunday from her late residence, near Wango. It is said that it was the largest funeral ever witnessed in that section of the county. Her brother, who is a student at Washington College, has the heartfelt sympathy of his fellow students and his Chestertown friends in his present sorrow.

An Interesting Fact Concerning Fire Insurance.—Policy No. 25, for $2,400, issued in 1847, by the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, was recently cancelled. It was one of the oldest policies of the company, and, as its number indicates, the 35th policy issued. It shows in a striking manner the extremely low cost of insurance in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county during the past 50 years.

The holders of this policy paid to the company during these fifty years, in premiums and assessments..... $161 69
And received from the company, in dividends and in amount paid at the time of cancellation 326 44

The receipts from the company were more than double the payments made, though the property was insured the entire time. Had such a policy been taken out in 1847 in a stock company at the lowest present rates and continued to the present time, the insurance would have cost $480, or fifty payments of about $9.60 each; and none of this $480 would have been returned. Adding to this $480 the amount received on the policy issued by the Kent Mutual over and above the payments made, viz., $164.75, and it shows that the difference in the cost of the two policies would have been $644.75. In other words, the insurance in the Mutual of Kent has cost $644.75 less than it would have cost had the insurance been taken out in a stock company at the lowest present rates for insuring such property. 3t.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The Mount Vernon Literary Society has begun a four days entertainment begining last night, when they gave a reception to the Pieria and Philomathian Literary societies, the faculty and other ladies and gentlemen. To-night a declamation and oration contest will be held. The following gentlemen have arranged to take part in the declamation contest: Messrs. Sutton, Gullette, Sherwood, Fowler and Pardee, and the oration contest, Messrs. Coulbourne, Webb, Graham, Davis and Goldsborough. To-morrow Rev. W. P. Compton will address the society in the M. E. Church and on Monday morning Messrs Sherwood, and Pardee, will give declamations and Mr. H. W. Catlin, Esq., will address the society. In the evening the annual banquet will be held at Shuster's Restaurant, where the Society held it two years previous and received so great satisfaction.

Mr. Y. Allen Goldsborough has gone home on account of a case of the grip.

Prof. E. J. Clark has decided to put the play, "The Lady of Lyons," on the stage on April 22 and 23.

Prof. E. J. Clark left for his Pocomoke City home yesterday to spend a few days.

Prof. A. B. Burris has introduced at the College the game of basket ball. It is a good idea as it will enable the candidates of the base ball team to get in good condition for active work on the diamond.

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Best Package Oat Meal, 2 lbs.	4½c.
Regular 5c. Wash Soap now	3c.
Fine Laundry Lump Starch only	2c.
Best All Sugar Syrup, fine flavor	12½c.
Large Box Matches, five hundred	1c.

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Among the Hunters.

Messrs. Frank and William Duyer and Ray Bowers struck luck on Tuesday afternoon. They went up Chester river to try the geese, and, to use a slang phrase, got "right in it." A flock of eighteen wild geese were seen and they cannonaded them in a lively manner. They shot eight and got six of them. One of them was brought home alive and the other two disappeared.

George Byron killed a goose early on Tuesday morning at Capt. R. S. Emory's wharf. It was a big fellow and "Flip" says he had a good feast off it.

Fox-hunting is the main pastime among the young farmers of Kent these winter days. Last Tuesday was a field day for them. A big hunt took place near Still Pond with the fine hounds of Messrs. Tilden Cooper, Frank Clark and Joseph Usilton. The neighborhood of Churn creek is well stocked with foxes and some splendid runs are had.

Quaker Neck was the scene of a beautiful run on Tuesday, and a fine day it was for hunting. The hounds of Messrs. Maslin, Usilton, Porter and Story kept Mr. Reynard on the move. Among those in the chase were Messrs. Albert Story, J. K. Aldridge, Richard Leaverton, Walter Maslin, Gale Usilton, Thos. Maslin, Wm. Fitten, Robt. Ford, Elwood Baker, C. H. B. Massey, G. Watts, D. Kendall and others.

The climax in fox-hunting will be reached on Monday, the 22d inst., when Kent and Queen Anne's will combine and have a mammoth hunt.

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